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In re Patent Application of)

Gilles CAUET *et al.*)Application No.: Unassigned)
(Corresponds to PCT/FR00/02753))

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For: **METHOD FOR PREPARING**)
STERIODS MODIFIED BY YEAST)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX PCT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer and insert the following
new claims in lieu thereof.

--17. A method for producing hydroxylated and/or acetylated steroids, comprising
the steps according to which:

- yeasts are cultured on a medium comprising at least one precursor of such
hydroxylated and/or acetylated steroids, and then